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Yoshiaki Azuma, et al.

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For: METHOD OF INHIBITING BONE
RESORPTION BY INHIBITING
OSTEOCLAST FORMATION (amended)

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REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

SPECIFICATION

There are no amendments to the specification.

Marked up replacement(s) paragraphs are presented in a separate section.

CLAIMS

There are no amendments to the claims.

A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case in ascending order with status identifier is presented in a separate section.

CHANGES TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following marked up title for the title now appearing in the currently filed specification:

**METHOD OF INHIBITING OSTEOCLASE FORMATION OR METHOD FOR
INHIBITING BONE RESORPTION BY INHIBITING OSTEOCLAST FORMATION**